

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 11-18 as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:
an inputting device inputting query specification information which
collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search
condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of
times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which
includes a plurality of search conditions for ~~text information~~ a single time of the full text
search; and

an instructing device instructing at the specified plurality of times of the full text
search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each
time of the full text search in which text information specified by the query specification
information is searched for.

2. (Previously Amended) The search system according to claim 1,
wherein said inputting device inputs the query specification information in a form of a table.

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3. (Previously Amended) The search system according to claim 1,
further comprising:

a generating device automatically generating the plurality of search condition combinations based on the query specification information, wherein said instructing device instructs a full text search according to the plurality of search condition combinations generated by said generating device.

4. (Previously Amended) The search system according to claim 1,
further comprising:

a changing device changing a portion of search conditions included in the query specification information, wherein said instructing device instructs a selective full text search for the changed portion.

5. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:
an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations ~~in a full text search~~, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for ~~text information~~, a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

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an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results.

6. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device outputs the output information in a form of a table.

7. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device switches and outputs at least two or more items of information among the number of hits, a related word, and a search result list, as the output information.

8. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, further comprising

a reflecting device reflecting a search result regarding a changed portion on the output information when the portion of search conditions included in the plurality of search condition combinations is changed.

9. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device comprises a graph device outputting graph information which represents the output information.

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10. (Original) The search system according to claim 9, wherein said outputting device selectively outputs a search result list corresponding to a portion of graph information of the number of hits, when said graph device outputs the graph information of the number of hits.

11. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for text information-a single time of the full text search;

a searching device performing a-the specified plurality of times of the full text search, in which text information specified by the query specification information is searched for text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to athe plurality of search results-for the plurality of search condition combinations.

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12. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for ~~text information~~ a single time of the full text search; and

instructing ~~a~~ the specified plurality of times of the full text search, ~~text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search, in which text information specified by the query specification information is searched for.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

obtaining a plurality of search results for ~~a plurality of times of a full text search through~~ a plurality of search condition combinations ~~in a full text search~~, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for ~~text information, a single time of the full text search, and text information~~

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specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search;

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collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality
of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results.

14. (Currently Amended) A search method comprising:

collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations in a
full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a
plurality of search conditions for text information;

performing an information search based on specified information;

obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full
text search through the plurality of search condition combinations in a full text search, each
of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search
conditions for text information a single time of the full text search, and text information
specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search;

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collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality
of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results.

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15. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:

inputting means for inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for text information a single time of the full text search; and

instructing means for instructing at the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search in which text information specified by the query specification information is searched for.

16. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full search through a plurality of search condition combinations in a full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for text information a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

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outputting means for collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results.

17. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:
an inputting device inputting multi-dimensional query specification information which specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition types for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, at least one of the search condition types including a plurality of search condition elements, and a plurality of queries specified by combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types; and
an instructing device instructing at the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the plurality of queries being searched for in each time of the full text search in which text information specified by each of the plurality of queries is searched for.

18. (Currently Amended) A search system comprising:
an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of queries, in a full text search, in which text information specified by each of the plurality of queries is searched for text information

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specified by each of the plurality of queries being searched for in each time of the full text search, multi-dimensional query specification information specifying a plurality of search condition types, at least one of the search condition types including a plurality of search condition elements, and the plurality of queries specified by combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison.